

**Fluorescent bulbs:** Bring to Recycling Center, hazardous waste day or to these hardware stores: Home Depot, Dickson Brothers, Economy, Inman Square, Masse, or Tags. Place incandescent bulbs in the trash.

## Motor oil:

Do not pour down any drain or catch basin. Retailers must accept and recycle it. DPW accepts oil from residential use during open hours. Drain into a container with a tight lid.

**Paint:** Let latex evaporate outside. Place hardened cans, lids off, with trash. Add kitty litter in latex to speed drying. You may also bring oil/latex paint to hazardous waste day.

- tree stumps, rocks, soil, dirt & sand

## Call a private hauler for:

- construction & demolition debris (Bathtubs, cabinets, floor sandings, pipes, sawdust, soot, sheetrock & windows. Contractors are responsible for disposal)

- property cleanouts
- automotive parts
- boilers & furnaces
- furniture (1 piece per week, or sell at craigslist.org)
- lumber/tree limbs (3 tied bundles per week, 3 ft x 3 ft, no nails)
- mattress & boxspring (1 per week)
- toilet & sink (1 per week)
- electronics (1 per week: microwaves, stereos, box fans & printers/ faxes up to 40 lbs. Bring small items to Recycling Center.)

- carpet (3 tied bundles per week, 3 ft x 3 ft)
- computers & tvs (1 per week up to 20" diagonal screen length with hard drive, keyboard & mouse.)



Working together, we can reduce rodent problems, protect public health and ensure cleaner streets and waterways. Reduce your trash by recycling. It's easy and the law in Cambridge. Trash barrels/bags cannot exceed 50 gallons or 50 pounds. Trash stored on private property must be in a rodent-resistant barrel with a tight-fitting lid. Do not place trash in cardboard boxes.

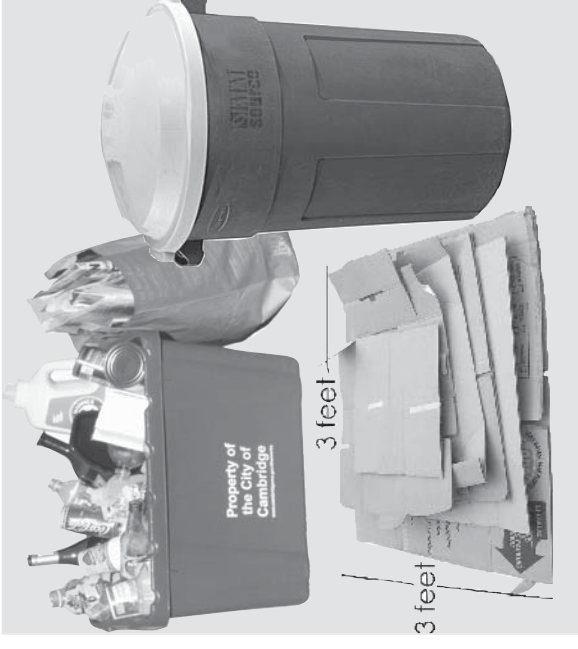
# Cambridge Trash Guidelines

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## Recycling and Trash Guidelines for Residents



Information on curbside collection of recycling, yard waste and trash; household hazardous waste collection days; and the Recycling Drop-off Center.



Business Hours: M 8:30-8pm, Tu-Th 8:30-5pm, F 8:30-Noon  
Recycling Drop-off Center Hours: Tu & Th 4-7:30pm, Sat 9am-4pm

**Reduce waste by composting**

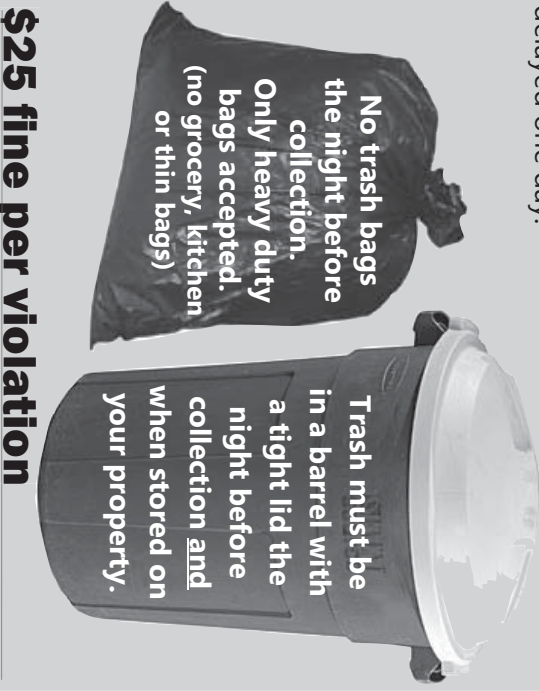
Compost at home! Buy a rodent-resistant compost bin at DPW for only \$50. You can turn food and yard waste back into soil for outdoor and indoor gardening.

**NEW!** DPW now accepts food waste from residents when the Recycling Center is open (Tues/Thurs 4pm-7:30 pm & Sat 9am-4pm). Collect scraps in a paper bag or other container. While supplies last, DPW can provide one bucket per household. No yard waste, soup, liquids, grease, plastic, glass, metal or Styrofoam. Visit our website or stop by for info.

- refrigerators & freezers (remove door as per state law)
  - snow blowers (remove gas)
  - stoves (gas & electric)
  - trash compactors
  - water coolers & heaters
  - window air conditioners
  - tvs & computer monitors (over 20" diagonal length)
- ## Bulky waste requires a sticker for pick up
- To schedule pickup, purchase stickers in advance at DPW. \$20, \$15 for seniors. Call 617.349.4800 for details. No industrial items.
- clothes washers & dryers
  - copiers & printers (more than 40 lbs)
  - dehumidifiers
  - dishwashers
  - exercise equipment
  - lawnmowers (remove gas)
  - metal filing cabinets & desks (no charge, but please call ahead)
  - radiators

## Important rules

Trash, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7am on collection day or after 6pm the night before. During holiday weeks, collection is delayed one day.



- ## \$25 fine per violation
- trash is not prepared correctly
  - bulky waste items do not have a sticker
  - trash or recycling is set at curb too early
  - empty containers or rejected items are not removed from the curb by 6 pm day of pickup
  - no participation in the recycling program

**Help increase recycling:** Educate your neighbors on how, what and why to recycle. We provide full-color translated flyers, laminated posters, moving guides and recycling stickers. To request materials or volunteer, email [rmail@cambridgema.gov](mailto:rmail@cambridgema.gov).

**Exemptions:** If you have a disability that makes it difficult for you to recycle or set your trash out after 6pm, call the Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 617.349.4692 for an exemption application. However, trash bags are not allowed the night before collection.

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**Household hazardous waste** There are three collections held on a Saturday in April, June and October from 9-1pm at 450 Concord Ave. The last 2008 collection is October 25. Contact DPW for future dates and materials not accepted.



To avoid contaminating waterbodies, do not pour chemicals down any drain. Report illegal dumping into catch basins or dirty-looking discharges from outfalls to DPW. Do not put hazardous waste in your trash as it can harm workers or cause fires.

Alkaline batteries made after 1994 have no mercury and are safe to throw in the trash.

Materials accepted include:	
• adhesives & glues	• stain thinners & strippers
• car tires (4 per car)	• photo chemicals & chemistry sets
• engine degreaser	• poison, insecticides & weed killers
• fluorescent bulbs	• pool chemicals
• fuels (kerosene, gasoline, antifreeze)	• propane tanks
• hobby & art supplies	• household cleaners & spot removers
• non-alkaline & car batteries	• solvents & varnishes (20 lbs or less)
• paints (oil & latex)	• wood preservatives & fiberglass resins

**To ensure safety:** Sort and pack paint, pesticides and cleaners separately. No trash bags. Pack your car and go directly to the collection site. Keep children and pets away from toxic items. Never smoke while handling items; tighten caps and lids; never mix chemicals; and use original labeled containers.

**The recycling center accepts:** Only these hazardous products are accepted during open hours: fluorescent bulbs, non-alkaline batteries, thermometers and thermostats. Call for a free guide that describes safer, less toxic products.

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# Cambridge Recycling Guidelines


... recycling is easy and it's the law (Section 8.24.070).


## Why recycle?

Recycling saves money, creates jobs, helps keep our environment clean and reduces climate change. In 2007, we recycled 12,760 tons and earned \$345,000 in recycling revenue.

Thank you and keep recycling!

## Bins & toters:


 Bins available to residents in buildings with up to 6 units.

Toters (large recycling bins on wheels with lids) are available to residential buildings with 6 units or more. 

## Important tips:

- No plastic bags or Styrofoam.
- Buy products made with post-consumer recycled content and *close the loop!*

## Recycling Center:

 Located in the rear of the DPW yard at 147 Hampshire St. Proof of residency may be required.

**Open:**   **Tues/Thurs**   **4-7:30pm**  
              **Saturday**        **9am-4pm**

We accept:

- books
- cans & bottles
- cardboard & paper
- clothing
- flags
- food waste (no liquids or grease)
- mixed media (cell phones, non-alkaline batteries, & ink/toner cartridges)
- mercury items (fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, & thermostats)
- metal (no sealed containers)
- motor oil
- packaging peanuts (no block Styrofoam)
- plastic bags (bubble wrap OK)
- small electronics (no TVs, monitors, big appliances)

## Paper & cardboard

If it rips, recycle it! Just keep it free from food and plastic wrap.



### What to recycle:

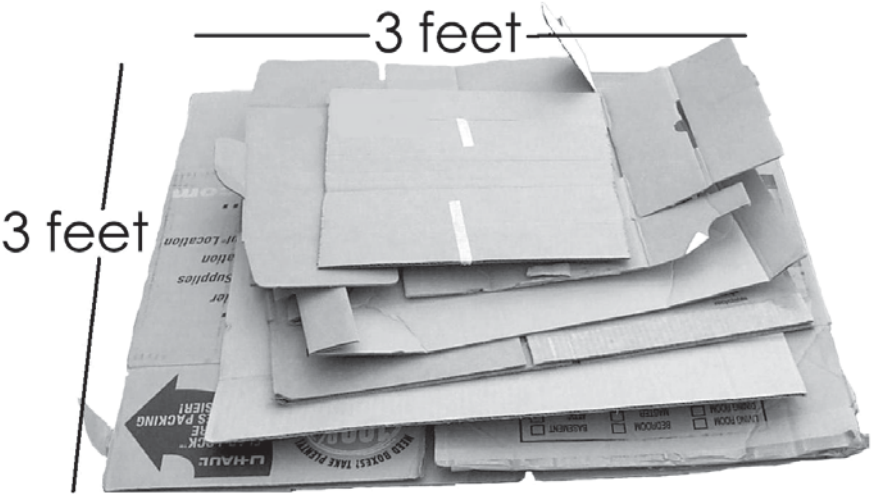
- **magazines & newspapers** (glossy paper OK)
- **phone books & junk mail** (no CDs or plastic wrap)
- **paperboard** (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls)
- **milk/juice cartons** (aseptic containers OK)
- **soft cover books**
- **all office paper** (no blueprints)

### No need to remove...

...staples, paper clips, spirals, plastic windows on envelopes, or even the plastic spout on milk/juice cartons!

### How to prepare paper:

- **place in a paper bag** or separate bin, no plastic bags
- put shredded paper in a stapled & labeled paper bag
- Bring large amounts to the Recycling Center or call and ask for a temporary loan of a "toter".



### How to prepare cardboard:

Boxes must be recycled. Glossy cardboard is OK, but not waxed. No pizza boxes unless you rip off the greasy parts and fold inside out. Tying with string is optional. You can:

1. flatten, cut to 3 ft x 3 ft, secure under or between bins,
2. flatten, fold & stuff in a paper bag or paper "toter",
3. OR, bring large boxes to Recycling Center.

### How to prepare containers:

- rinse containers
- remove lids & caps
- place loose in bin
- no plastic or paper bags; no Styrofoam
- do not pour grease or oil down any drain

### What to recycle:

- **aluminum** (pie plates, trays & foil)
- **empty aerosol cans** (no spray paint or oil cans)
- **glass bottles & jars** (any color)
- **metal cans** (tin, steel & aluminum)
- **stiff plastic containers, #1-7** (no plastic bags or styrofoam)
- **plastic plant pots** (#1-7, must be clean)

## Containers: glass, metal & plastic

Place rinsed containers loose in your bin, no plastic bags.



## Leaf & yard waste

Place yard waste loose in barrels or in refuse bags, no plastic bags.



### What to recycle:

- **leaves, grass & plants**
- **shrub prunings & twigs** (thinner than your thumb, shorter than your arm)
- **call a private hauler for:** tree stumps, rocks, soil, dirt, and sand

### How to prepare yard waste:

- no plastic bags, food or trash
- place loose in barrels with City stickers facing the street, or in paper yard waste bags (do not staple or tape)
- place thick limbs in 3 ft X 3 ft bundles (for trash pickup)

**YARD WASTE ONLY**  
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Call 617.349.4800 for free yard waste stickers. 2009 collection begins April 6<sup>th</sup> and continues through December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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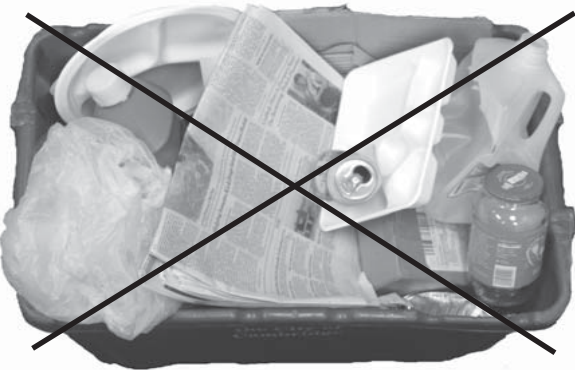
- order a bin
- report a missed pickup
- get yard waste stickers
- ask general questions

## Not accepted for curbside recycling:

- no plastic bags\*
- no Styrofoam
- no packing peanuts\*
- no broken or window glass
- no dishes or glasses
- no light bulbs
- no toys
- no clothing or hangers\*
- no paper take-out containers
- no hard cover books\*
- no pizza boxes

*\* Items accepted at the Recycling Center during open hours.*

## Mixed bins will not be collected:



## Remember:

- keep papers and containers separate
- rinse containers and place loose in bin
- place papers in a paper bag

**No plastic bags**  
**No trash**  
**No Styrofoam**



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